

CRICKET/ Derbyshire review and Burton and District League round-up

Can't hurry the Murray



Jaguar make Le Mans start

Jaguar were involved in a protracted dispute with Le Mans organisers after the British team's three-car entry faced exclusion from this weekend's 24-hour sports classic.

The row erupted when stewards claimed the trio of Jaguar XJ220s should have been fitted with catalytic converters in order to race.

Jaguar team chief Tom Walkinshaw argued the devices were not required by the regulations and lodged an official objection, which resulted in the cars being allowed to start on Saturday under appeal. The appeal is unlikely to be heard for several weeks.

Frenchman Philippe Alliot maintained pole position for Peugeot midway through second qualifying last night, even though he did not improve on the 3m-24.94s (238.899 kph) he had already set.

Ireland's Eddie Irvine improved into second place in a Toyota with 3m-26.14s.

Boris in gear

Boris Becker showed he was ready for Wimbledon after beating Australian Todd Woodbridge 6-3 7-5 in the Vauxhall Cup match between Europe and the Rest of the World at Roehampton.

DERBY COUNTY F.C. WINNERS FOOTBALL 5

Saturday Week 33
1 winner receives £1000
26-81.74
1 Agent rec £100 PD/59

£100 winner Friday
Mr M. Jennings of Broxtowe
19-61.65
308 D. Simpson

Rama Springboard Week 41
Stan Lakin of Newhall 5219
Runners up 5218 and 5220

After the euphoria of reaching the Benson & Hedges Cup final, it was sackcloth and ashes for Derbyshire on Sunday against Yorkshire.

A nine-wickets victory by the Tykes was a timely reminder that cricket is a game which has a habit of bringing people firmly back to earth.

As Peakites' skipper Kim Barnett remarked afterwards: "Everyone is playing for the place at Lord's".

That should be sufficient incentive for anyone not to relax before the great day on July 10.

With a third of the season now completed, many people are beginning to evaluate the effects of the restructuring of the game, after the implementation of the Murray Report.

Third day

From a Derbyshire point of view, it is too early to draw firm conclusions.

Of six county championship matches played — only 17 are now played in total — only the Warwickshire game at Edgbaston was not affected by rain and Derbyshire won that before lunch on the third day.

Of the others, Derbyshire were beaten in two days by Middlesex at Lord's and 3½ days of the Yorkshire match at Chesterfield fell foul of the weather.

Both matches against Essex, at Chelmsford, and Hampshire, at

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Derby, were reduced to three-day affairs, while rain also affected the visit of Glamorgan to Derby, although that had no bearing on Derbyshire's defeat.

The general feeling from the players is that the four-day format is an improvement.

In my view it needs to be given a chance, but the danger is that, in the light of the number of matches that have finished early, the cry will be for "better" pitches.

Pendulum

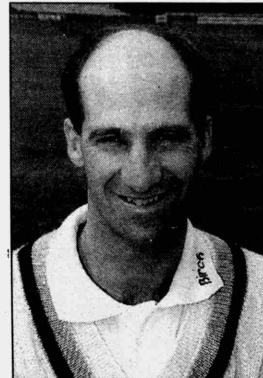
Whatever the length of a match, the determining factor is the pitch, and the most interesting cricket is played on pitches that are slightly in favour of the bowler.

"Better" pitches, or "a balance between bat and ball", usually means that the pendulum is swinging too far towards the bat — and that produces dull cricket.

The main complaint from the playing side is the 50-overs-a-side Sunday League taking place in the middle of a four-day championship fixture.

Bowlers, particularly, are not in the best of shape for bowling a side out to win a match on Monday if they have spent three hours bowling and fielding in the second innings on Sunday.

Benson & Hedges and NatWest Trophy matches are also scheduled for Tuesdays. Sides out of contention in the Sunday League



● Kim Barnett . . . Lord's is the big incentive.

will surely start to rest their fast bowlers on Sundays.

Commercially, it seems as though the idea of starting championship matches on a Thursday was misconceived.

The best days for attracting sponsors and corporate hospitality, are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Even Essex are finding it difficult to attract sponsors on Friday, or Monday, while Saturday and Sunday have long been recognised as non-sponsorship days.

It seems, then, that the jury is still out on the new format. Could it be that the "grand plan" is really not so grand after all?

Run spree as Bass swing the hammer

Burton Mail Divisions A&B

Division A leaders BASS sealed another maximum points win against HAMMERWICH in a game reduced to 40 overs per side.

Openers Keith Widdows (52) and Richard Deaville (43) superbly launched Bass on their way with an 84-run opening stand.

With good knocks from Andy Marler (57), following his previous week's ton, and Dave Chilman (56 not out), plus Richard Clay's 21 not out, they reached a splendid total of 235-5.

In a lightweight reply, Hammerwich struggled to 85-8, Osment making 30, as Russell Stride took 4-39.

Second placed ROBIRCH/HOSPITALS had a comfortable win away to IND COOPE.

Put in to bat, they coasted to 194-8, set up by an opening stand of 127 with the main scorers David Hoose (74) and A Bryan (53). Alex Gales was the main wicket-taker with 4-30.

Manage

The home side could only muster 107 in reply, Doug Millington making 37, as Stuart Harrison did the damage with fine figures of 5-29.

In a close game at MARSTON'S, visitors TUTBURY could only manage 130 in 30 overs mainly thanks to Lee Mason (37) and Pat Lester (32).

Alan Tipping had a fine match, first taking 5-28, then, after the home side had in their reply stood at 40-5 and 70-7, joining in an eighth wicket stand of 40, making 38 himself and with Dave Chilton (23) managing a two wicket win.

In the remaining game, third placed ROLLSTON had a struggle to beat hosts ALREWAS.

Batting first, the visitors managed a shaky-looking 136-6 but then earned their victory by dismissing the home side for just 94.

Dismissed

In the only Division B game played, leaders DRAYCOTT and HANBURY were defeated for the second week running, this time at WINSHILL.

Having put the visitors in to bat, Winshill dismissed them for only 98 in 37 overs, despite an opening partnership of 46.

The main destroyer was Len Mason with a fine bowling performance of 7-52, ably assisted by Hayman with 3-26. Esmond Hall (30) was the only batsman to make any impression.

In reply, Winshill ambled along to 100-4 in 34 overs, the main batsmen being Dennis Eyden (32), Tim Moore (22) and John Simpson (20 not out).

Despite losing their latest contest, Draycott and Hanbury kept a slender grip on the Division B leadership, by one point from Trentside, with Pastures Hospital a further point behind in third.

DIVISION A & B SCOREBOARDS

DIVISION A

Bass v Hammerwich

BASS

K Widdows run out.....52
R Deaville b Jeffries.....43
A Marler lbw Instone.....57
A Hamblton b Jeffries.....0
R Stride b Jeffries.....0
D Chilman not out.....56
R Clay not out.....21
Extras.....235
Total (8 wickets).....235
Fall: 1-84, 2-114, 3-114, 4-124, 5-185.

Bowling: A Masters 14-0-68-0, K Goodwin 9-1-45-0, R Broadhurst 10-0-40, K Jeffries 7-0-34-3, I White 5-0-37-0, B Instone 4-0-37-1.

HAMMERWICH

P Ewell c Hamblton b Stride.....3
B Instone c Faulkner b Stride.....5
D Foster c Henson b Stride.....9
R Broadhurst c Clay b Hickman.....6
J Gavin c Hamblton b Hickman.....1
J Osmant st Widdows b Hanson.....30
I White not out.....19
A Masters c Hamblton b Hanson.....3
K Goodwin not out.....2
Extras.....6
Total (8 wickets).....85
Fall: 1-7, 2-14, 3-20, 4-25, 5-28, 6-28, 7-73, 8-83.

Bowling: R Stride 20-3-39-4, S Hickman 14-4-21-2, D Hanson 6-0-20-2.

Bass (12pts) beat Hammerwich

(0pts) by 150 runs

Marston's v Tutbury

D Lobb c Tipping b Chiltern.....1
N Weedon c Woods b Pepperell.....2
N Smith c Woods b Chiltern.....8
Extras.....10
Total (5 wickets).....139

P Lester c Sutton b Tipping.....32
L Mason b Tipping.....37
J Lees c Reed b Tipping.....3
J Grinter c Pellicchia b Tipping.....0
D Clark b Pepperell.....17
K Saunders lbw b Tipping.....2
M Roe c Sutton b Ward.....21
G Bowley not out.....0
Extras.....7
Total.....130
Bowling: P Pepperell 13-4-4-0, 38-2, D Chiltern 8-0-55-2, A Tipping 7-1-28-5, R Ward 2-0-13-1.

MARSTON'S

A Sutton c Weedon b Roe.....10
B Dawson run out.....8
A Woods b Roe.....11
C Reed b Mason.....4
P Pepperell c Smith b Mason.....19
R Ward b Roe.....2
R Woolley lbw b Mason.....4
A Tipping not out.....33
D Chiltern b Weedon.....23
S Crocker not out.....6
Extras.....12
Total (8 wickets).....132

Bowling: M Roe 17-4-42-3, L

Mason 22-7-31-3, G Bowley 7-0-30-0, N Weedon 7-2-21-1.

Marston's (8pts) beat Tutbury

(4pts) by 2 wickets

Alrewas v Rollleston

ROLLSTON

I Taylor c Mitchell b Sheasby.....22
D Fennell lbw b Sheasby.....2
A Statham c M Goodlad.....4
B F Watson.....3
M Clay b Sherratt.....43
P Glover b Sheasby.....32
N Wadham not out.....19
D Hill not out.....4
Extras.....10
Total (5 wickets).....139

Bowling: M Sheasby 11-1-11-1, K

6-2-16-0, D Wright 15-1-61-1, K

Fall: 1-20, 2-37, 3-43, 4-101, 5-130.

Bowling: W Sherratt 13-1-42-1,

F Watson 15-6-21-1, M Sheasby 13-2-53-3, S Watson 4-0-18-0.

ALREWAS

S Watson b Alton.....17
M Prince lbw b Acton.....7
M Sheasby c Hill b Acton.....0
M Goodlad lbw b Foster.....0
G Williams c&b Acton.....0
J Mitchell c Hill b Acton.....10
J Sutton b Wadham.....25
W Sherratt run out.....1
G Goodlad not out.....11
R Owen not out.....7
Extras.....16
Total (8 wickets).....94
Fall: 1-22, 2-27, 3-28, 4-28, 5-28, 6-57, 7-65, 8-65.

Bowling: T Foster 16-9-19-1, M Acton 22-8-44-5, N Wadham 7-0-20-1.

Alrewas (3pts) lost to Rollleston

(9pts) by 45 runs

Ind Coope v Rob/Hosp

ROB/HOSPITALS

A Bryan b Anser.....53
D Hoose c Davies b Gale.....74
P Wood c Grieve b Gale.....13
Hafiz b Wright.....12
R Nesbitt run out.....2
P Harley c Davies b Gale.....8
S Garner run out.....16
J Elkes c Davies b Gale.....2
S Harrison not out.....10
Extras.....4
Total (8 wickets).....194
Fall: 1-127, 2-141, 3-144, 4-148, 5-166, 6-171, 7-174, 8-194.

Bowling: Anser Majid 7-0-28-1,

T Eyley 8-1-27-0, D Millington 6-2-16-0, D Wright 15-1-61-1, K

Tompson 3-0-31-0, A Gale 6-0-30-4.

IND COOPE

P Davies b Waine.....8
S Rowley c Bryan b Waine.....2
M Taylor c Harley b Harrison.....11
D Millington b Harrison.....37
A Gale c Hoose b Harrison.....0
Anser Majid c Ball b Waine.....1
P Grieve lbw b Harrison.....6
K Thompson c Harley b Harrison.....5
L Stanbury c Elkes b Ball.....13
T Eyley c Hoose b Wood.....9
D Wright not out.....10
Total.....107
Fall: 1-2, 2-20, 3-22, 4-26, 5-27, 6-38, 7-61, 8-84, 9-90.

Bowling: S Harrison 20-9-29-5, A Waine 10-3-28-3, N Ball 10-0-31-1, P Wood 0-5-0-5-1.

Ind Coope (10pts) lost to Rob/Hospitals (11pts) by 87 runs

DIVISION B

Winshill v Draycott/H

DRAYCOTT/HAN

B Orenier st Causer.....18
B Mason.....30
E Hall c Moore b Mason.....30
A Hall c Hayman b Mason.....3
N Moore c Gooding.....2
b Hayman.....2
C Wheelod c Gooding.....0
b Mason.....0
P Gregory c Causer.....9
b Mason.....9
A Baver lbw b Mason.....2
K Keensmith b Mason.....8
S Cheal not out.....11
S Ashmore b Hayman.....6
P Hallam b Hayman.....0
Extras.....9
Total.....98
Fall: 1-46, 2-56, 3-61, 4-61,

Positions

DIVISION A

	PW	L	A	B	Pt
Bass	7	0	0	0	83
Rob Hospitals	7	6	0	1	60
Rollleston	7	5	0	2	56
Alrewas	7	4	0	3	46
Barton	7	3	0	3	38
Hammerwich	7	2	1	4	36
Marston's	7	3	0	4	33
Ind Coope	7	1	1	5	27
Tutbury	7	1	0	6	20
Hartshorne	7	1	0	5	15

DIVISION B

	PW	L	A	B	Pt
Draycott & H.	6	3	0	3	39
Trentside	5	3	0	1	38
Pastures H	6	4	0	2	37
Winshill	7	2	1	4	33
Walton	5	2	0	2	31
Brackensfield	5	2	0	2	28
Uttenseter	5	2	1	2	27
Pirelli	5	1	0	3	19

DIVISION B

Winshill 11-5-42-3, P Wilson 5-0-10-0.

WINSHILL

K Gooding lbw b Gregory.....4

J Clarke c E Hall b Hall.....2

D Eyden c&b Ashmore.....32

T Moore c Moore.....2

b Ashmore.....22

J Simpson not out.....22

A Jefferson not out.....4

Extras.....14

Total.....100

Fall: 1-6, 2-16, 3-72, 4-73.

Bowling: P Gregory 15-4-37-1,

Hall 9-2-19-1, N Moore 3-0-14-0, S

Ashmore 7-2-21-2.

Winshill (10pts) beat Draycott/Han (2pts) by 6 wickets.

Block for Black

Roger Black has pulled out of Britain's 4x400 metres relay squad for the European Cup in Rome on June 26-27.

Black is suffering from a virus which affected his performances last week when he ran a disappointing 400m in Paris, then failed to qualify for the 200m final in the British Championships.